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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6881

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, CH, LU

SUBJECT: LUXEMBOURG FOREIGN MINISTER IN PEKING

1. GASTON THORN, FOREIGN MINISTER OF LUXEMBOURG, ARRIVED IN PEKING ON MAY 4 ( NCNA). HE WAS WELCOMED BY HIS CHINESE COUNTERPART CHI PENG- FEI, WHO HOSTED A WELCOMING BANQUET THE FOLLOWING EVENING. CHI ALSO HELD SEPARATE TALKS WITH THORN WHILE PREMIER CHOU RECEIVED HIM ON MAY 6.

2. AT THE BANQUET, BOTH MINISTERS UNDERLINED THEIR SUPPORT FOR A STRONG AND UNITED EUROPE AND OPPOSITION TO POWER POLITICS AND HEGEMONY. THEY BOTH SPOKE OF THE NEW PAGE OPENED IN THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMAITC RELATIONS AND REITERATED THAT THESE RELATIONS WERE BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT, NON- INTERFERENCE AND MUTUAL BENEFIT. CHI ALSO MENTIONED THE EQUALITY OF BIG AND SMALL NATIONS ( NCNA MAY 5).

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3. COMMENT: THE SPEECHES, AS EXPECTED, WERE VERY SIMILAR  
AND SUGGEST THAT THE TWO SIDES HAVE BROAD COMMON GROUND ON  
EUROPEAN  
QUESTIONS. IN ADDITION, THE CHINESE ARE LIKELY TO FOCUS THEIR  
PRIVATE COMMENTS ON THE SOVIET THREAT AND THE DANGER OF FALSE  
DETENTE, AS THEY HAVE WITH OTHER EUROPEAN VISITORS IN RECENT  
MONTHS.  
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